

Use of Formative Assessment Data

Northside Elementary School is Making it Happen!



WE ARE

Northside Elementary is home to 300 students in 4th-6th grades. It is a part of Blackford County Schools which has a K-12 enrollment of 1726 students.

We are a rural farming community located in Northeast Indiana. Hartford City has a poverty rate of 16%. Forty-four percent of BCS students receive free or reduced lunches.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Northside's student body is predominately White with an 8% minority population. Only .7% of our students are ELL learners. Our students have consistently scored above the state average in language arts and math over the past 5 years.

OUR TEACHERS

Northside teachers use the Workshop method and a gradual release model to plan instruction. All teachers receive training in the use of educational technology in a blended learning model and the 6 Traits of Writing.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Formative assessment data guides our practice. Northside uses the 8-Step process which includes:

- Common learning target calendar
- Math Maintenance
- Language Arts success period
- Test talks
- Teacher made assessments
- Learning Logs meetings (pictured at left)

OUR STEPS

Teachers in each grade level teach the same learning targets each 3 week period. A short teacher created assessment is then given to identify those students who need tutorial, support, or enrichment on those standards for the next 3 weeks. Goals are set for mastery, then a post test is given to determine the level of mastery among all students.

A Learning Log meeting is then held with the principal and academic coaches to analyze this data and plan upcoming instruction and targeted professional development.

Instructional assistants work with each grade level during Success Period in order to keep the student groups small. Students are divided into tutorial, support, or enrichment groups.

Northside has a private data room where formative data is on display to assist teachers in planning for student success.

OUR SOURCES

Northside has been an "A" school for 5 years in a row. We have consistently shown high achievement and high growth. The past three **Blackford County Teachers of the Year** have come from Northside Elementary School.



Thomas Simison 2013



Cheryl Elwood 2014



Angela Brobst 2015

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